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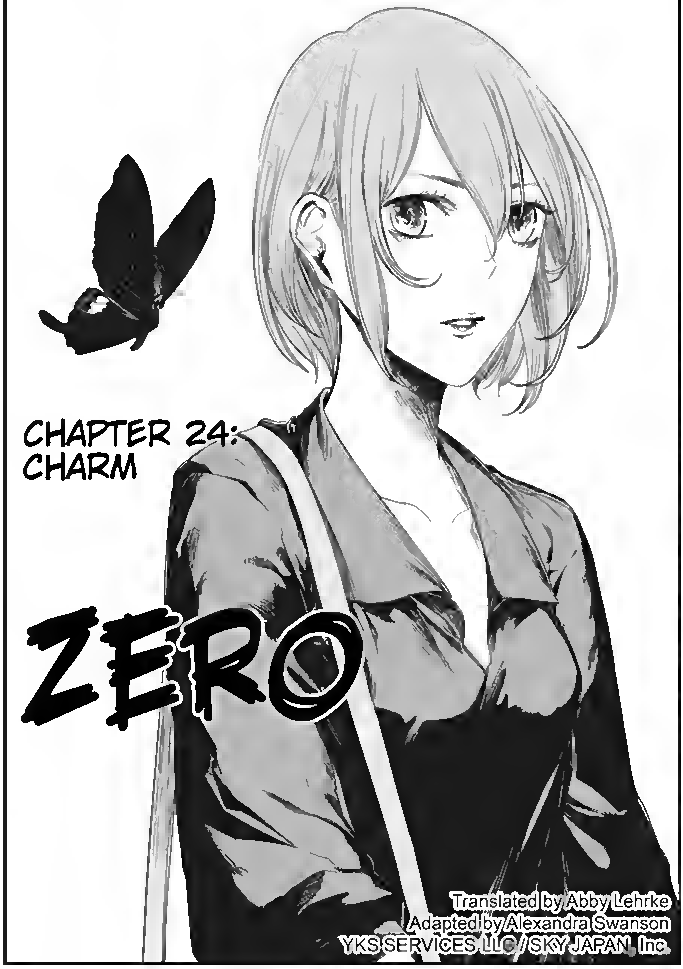

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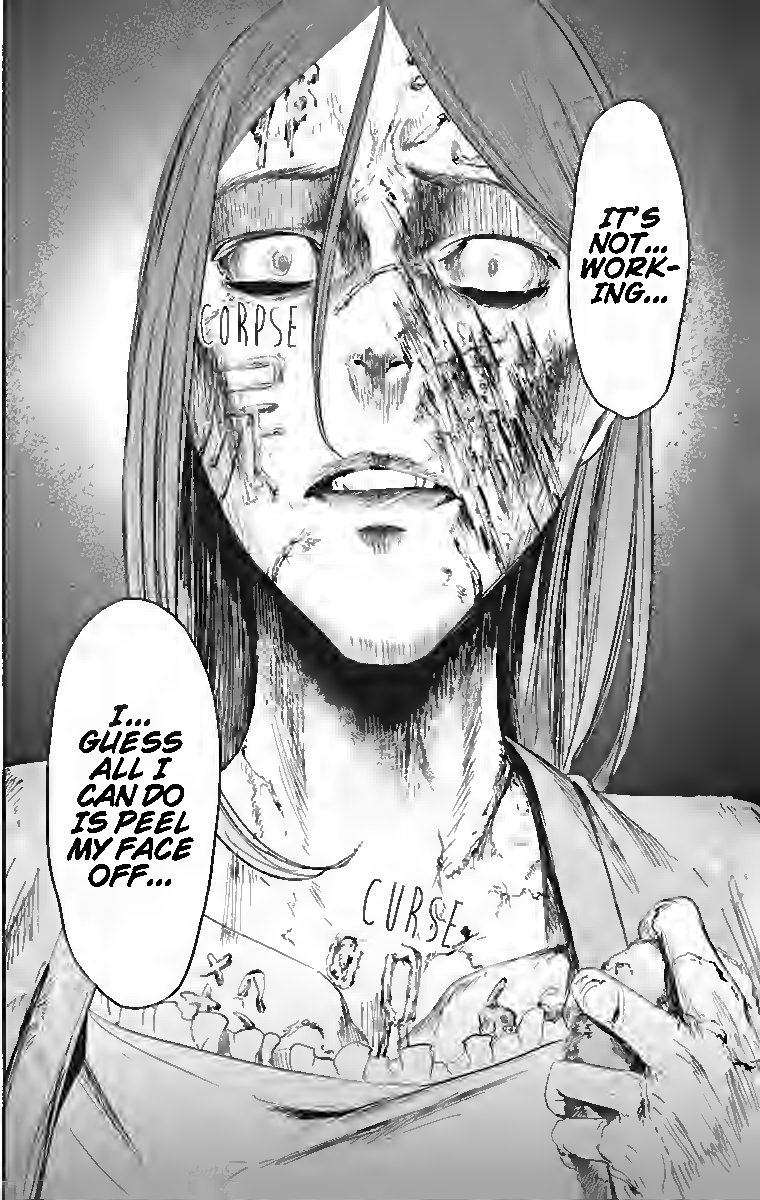
WH... WHAT IS THIS ...?!
CORPSE
CHARACTERS SWELLING UP ON THE SKIN. FEAR WELLING UP IN THE HEART...
SPLSH
HSSSS
THE WELT'S FORMING A WORD...
ROT
FADE
WH...

HSSSS
WHAT IS THIS?
HSSSS
N...
CORPSE
NO!
ZSHH
FILTH
ZSHH
CURSE
NO WAY!
WH... WHAT THE HELL?!
HSSS

EVIL
HSSSS
GRUDGE
N...
HSSSS
HSSSS
NOOOOOOO!
HELP MEEE!
SIZZLE

I... I CAN SCRATCH IT OFF WITH THIS...
SCRATCH
SCRAPE
IT WON'T COME OFF!
IT WON'T COME OFF!!
SKRATCH


IT'S NOT... WORK-ING...
CORPSE
I... GUESS ALL I CAN DO IS PEEL MY FACE OFF...
CURSE

SCRTCH
WICKED
SKRAPE
SCRTCH...

SHINE
FWOOSH

FSHHHH
LOST SPIRIT PURIFI-CATION!
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...
AND NOW ALL WE HAVE LEFT IS ONE PHOTO-GRAPH AND ONE STROBE.
MY... MY FACE...
THE WELTS ARE...

THAT WAS AN ILLUSION THE EVIL SPIRITS SHOWED YOU.
YOU WOULD'VE DIED SOON ENOUGH BY PEELING YOUR SKIN FROM YOUR FACE AND BODY.
NO MATTER HOW AFRAID YOU ARE, YOU CAN'T RUN OFF ON YOUR OWN ANY-MORE.
FUMP
I... I'M SORRY.
COME ON, LET'S GO.
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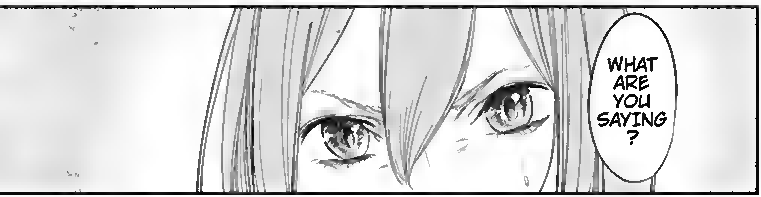
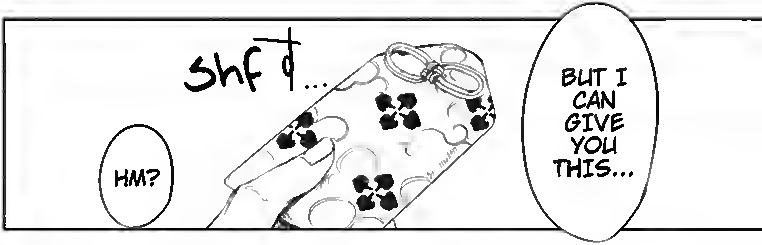
I'M... NO GOOD, REALLY...
I CAN'T...
MIKO-GAMI-SAN?


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

...THEY'LL SNIFF OUT YOUR FEAR AND RETURN.
THEY'VE MOVED ON NOW, BUT IF YOU STAY HERE...

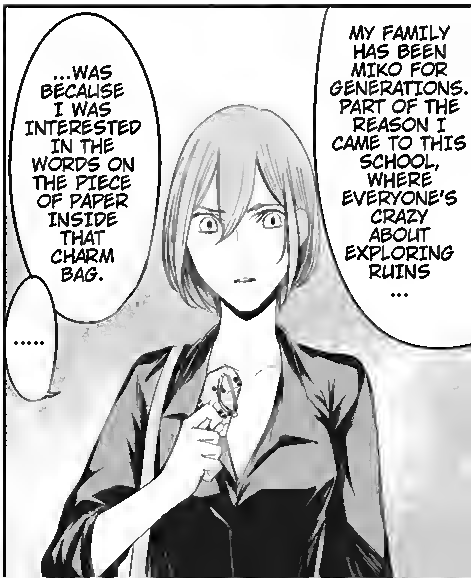
I CAN'T.
I CAN'T GO ANY-WHERE.

NOW, COME ALONG.


Shf†...
HM?
BUT I CAN GIVE YOU THIS...

PLEASE READ IT.

Crinkle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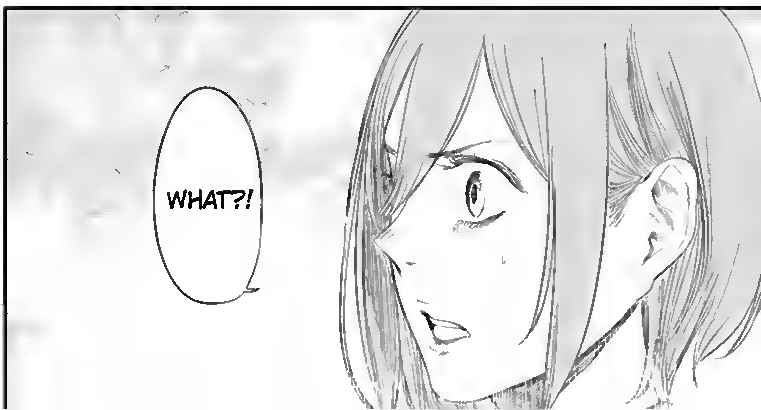
...WAS BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN THE WORDS ON THE PIECE OF PAPER INSIDE THAT CHARM BAG.
MY FAMILY HAS BEEN MIKO FOR GENERATIONS. PART OF THE REASON I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL, WHERE EVERYONE'S CRAZY ABOUT EXPLORING RUINS ...

THOSE ARE CHARACTERS USED IN CHARMS...
CHINESE ZODIAC CHARACTERS... HINOENE, KANOTOU, AND TSUCHINOETORA.

WHAT IN THE WORLD...?

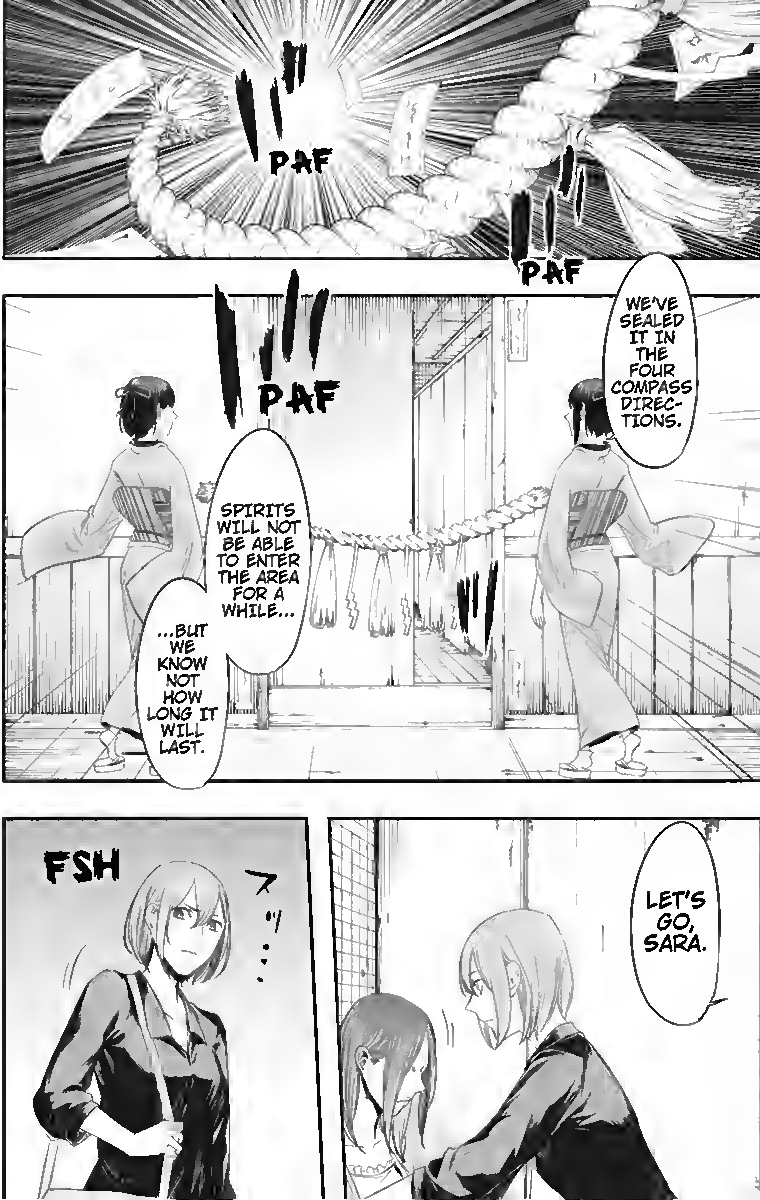
MY LATE MOTHER SAID THAT MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BUILDING.
MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER LEFT MY MOTHER THIS CHARM WHEN HE DIED.


WHAT?!

I FELT LIKE IT WAS DESTINY OR SOMETHING.
THAT'S WHY I ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO COME HERE...
MIKOGAMI-SAN, YOU...
I'VE... REACHED MY LIMIT.
I'LL ABSOLUTELY SLOW YOU DOWN, I KNOW...
SO I'LL GIVE YOU THAT CHARM ...

...SOLVE THIS MYSTERY IN MY STEAD...
SO PLEASE...
THWUMP
MIKO-GAMI-SAN!!

SHE'S REACHED HER MENTAL LIMIT...
WHAT DO WE DO, RYUU-ZAKI-SAN?
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER HERE LIKE THIS...
TMP
WE WILL CREATE A BAR-RIER.
THOUGH IT MAY NOT DO MUCH...
AH.
MOZU.
TSU-GUMI.


PAF
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WE'VE SEALED IT IN THE FOUR COMPASS DIREC-TIONS.
SPIRITS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER THE AREA FOR A WHILE...
...BUT WE KNOW NOT HOW LONG IT WILL LAST.
FSH
ス…
LET'S GO, SARA.

MIKO-GAMI-SAN...
I'M SO SORRY.
WE'LL BE BACK, I SWEAR.
AND WE'LL SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THIS CHARM...
TO BE CONTINUED...